

Approved September 25, 2019
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, August 28th at 0900 hours
At Connecticut Hospital Association

Members Attendees: G. Allard, W. Champion, R. Guthrie, S. Johnson, J. Laucella, M. Loiz, J. Oates, J. Paretzky, F. Potter, John Quinlavin, J. Reynolds, W. Schietinger, I. Smith, D. Tompkins and R. Zielger

OEMS Staff: R. Coler, R. Kamin, J. Reynolds, J. Speck, S. Durante, A. Pugliese

EMSC:

Regional Presidents: W. Fitzmaurice, Mike Zacchera

Committee Chairs: W. Champion (Nominating), D. Dole (Paramedic), S. Gregg (Trauma), R. Kamin (CEMSMAC), W. Fitzmaurice (CORP), Betty Morris (Communications), J. Paretzky (Volunteer), M. Loiz (Legislative)

Guests: S. Conley, ASM, UPFFA, Steve Alsup, Wallingford FD, T. Hennick, FOIA Public Information Educator

Board Chair: G. Allard presiding

Request for written reports may be made to Yolanda Williams at OEMS. Yolanda.Williams@ct.gov

Meeting opened at 0908 hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
June 26, 2019 Minutes		No discussion.	Motion to accept the minutes of June 26, 2019 made by R. Guthrie, 2 nd W. Fitzmaurice Motion passed unanimously.
Public Comment		No public comment.	No action.
Presentation	Tom Hennick, FOI Training Expert	Comprehensive presentation and discussion regarding the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); concentration on running proper meetings, public access to meetings and information/records.	
Chair's report	Bylaws	Discussion regarding the Board's process regarding document review prior to voting.	Motion by R. Kamin and 2 nd by F. Potter to modify the agenda to move By-laws to Action Items for a vote today. Motion Passed with 11 yes and 3 No votes- J. Quinlavin, J. Laucella, W. Campion.
	Governor Lamont Appointment update	The Chair sent a letter to the Governor regarding appointments to the Board.	No updates.
	2019 Board Goals	Brief overview of board goals; EMS to ED turnover; CCT Program, MIH, Trauma Committee, Regionalize Services and Regulation re-write.	No action.

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OEMS	Written report submitted for August 2019	<p>Review of written report with discussion. Includes OEMS staffing, EMS/Trauma Data, SWORD, CEMSMAC protocols, Legislative Public Act 19-118, Local EMS Planning and MCI Trailers.</p> <p>Disinfecting ambulances, best practices position paper is in discussion.</p>	See written report.
	EMSC	<p>Some manikins are out for repairs.</p> <p>Manikins are for lending to nonprofit organizations only.</p>	Contact V. Barnes for further information regarding manikins.
Committee reports	<p>CEMSMAC, July 2019 Meeting Minutes submitted</p> <p>CT EMS/ED Handoff tool draft statement submitted.</p> <p>Buprenorphine and Suboxone</p> <p>Emergency Medical Dispatch document.</p>	<p>R. Kamin encouraged feedback regarding EMS/ED handoff statement. A few minor suggestions offered.</p> <p>Discussion around position statement of “protocol” vs. “guideline”. As long as sponsor hospital signs off and it is something that the medical oversight authorizes.</p> <p>Overview of potential additions to protocols of Buprenorphine and Suboxone.</p> <p>Discussion.</p> <p>Editorial changes suggested.</p> <p>B. Morris will follow up with DCET regarding dispatching and mandated planning.</p> <p>Special Care Transports are on the agenda.</p>	See written reports and statements.

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	Clinical Coordinators	J. Quinlavin reports.	Meeting 9.12.19
	CMED and SIEC - Morris	No July or August meeting.	Next Meeting Sept. 11, 2019
	CORP – W. Fitzmaurice	No July or August meeting	Next Meeting Sept. 2019
	Education/Training - Zacchera	No meeting in July or August	Next meeting Sept. 2019
	Emergency Preparedness June minutes submitted	Minutes focus on Forward Movement of Patients.	
	Legislative, meeting minutes submitted.	<p>Discussion around finding a better way to communicate to public.</p> <p>Education process; working on training committee; update CEMSAB flyer; possible social media, survey.</p> <p>Discussion around EMD Language.</p> <p>EMR Paramedic Legal Crew discussion.</p> <p>Trauma Triage Guideline Regulation change discussion.</p>	

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	MIH, minutes submitted for July 2019	No discussion.	See written report.
	Paramedic, June minutes submitted	Met in July 2019; discussion around PTSD and Facebook (FB) controversial.	Next meeting is 2 nd Wednesday in Sept. 2019
	Public Information and Education	Discussion around FB Page for Advisory Board; how will mobilizing information be addressed; discussion around need to spread message to public.	No update.
	Regionalization, written report submitted for June 2019	Discussions including ideas and partnerships and different EMS delivery systems.	Next meeting Sept. 30, 2019 in Shelton.
	Volunteer, August 2019 meeting minutes submitted	There are 13 EMT intermediates in CT. Discussion of how many EMTs are active in the state. Information can be retrieved from EPR data.	Next meeting November 14, 2019 in Vernon
	Trauma	Discussion regarding the transportation of field death trauma patients.	Next meeting Sept. 4, 2019 2 PM at CHA
Action Item	By-Laws	Lengthy discussion regarding the need to preserve the method the Board uses in voting on issues.	Motion to accept EMS Advisory Board revised By-Laws dated 5.8.19 was made by I. Smith and 2 nd by J. Paretzky. Motion withdrawn by I. Smith and 2 nd by J. Paretzky.

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			Unanimous consensus to withdraw the motion.
Information sharing		EMS pro golf tournament, Lyman orchards. Fundraiser K9 first responder – Bridgeport area, 4 seasons in Stratford, \$40.	W. Schietinger to email information.
Meeting adjourned	11:40 a.m.		
Next meeting	Sept. 25, 2019 at 0900 hours	At Hunters Ambulance	

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